

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An electrowetting module comprising a fluid chamber, containing at least a first body of a first fluid and a second body of a second fluid, the two bodies being separated by an interface, and means for exerting a force on at least one of the bodies to change ~~the~~ a position and/or shape of the interface, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein at least one of the fluids comprises a compound having at least one aromatic, non-fused, residue and wherein each of the fluids are liquids.

2. (Currently amended) ~~A~~ The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound having at least one aromatic, non-fused, residue is a compound of formula  $\emptyset$ -R, wherein  $\emptyset$  is a phenyl group, substituted ~~or not~~ with one or more lower, C1-C10, ~~preferably~~ C1-C5 alkyl groups, and R is a ~~linear or branched~~ C1-C10, ~~preferably~~ C1-C5 alkyl group, being substituted ~~or not~~ with one or more aryl groups, an aryl group, or a silyl group, substituted ~~or not~~ with one or

more C1-C10, ~~preferably C1-C5~~ alkyl groups.

3. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ module as claimed in claim 21, wherein the compound having at least one aromatic, non-fused, residue is selected from the group consisting of toluene, diphenyl methane, ~~and terphenyl and biphenyl~~.

4. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ module as claimed in claim 21, wherein said compound having at least one aromatic, non-fused, residue is phenyl trimethyl silane.

5. (Currently amended) A ~~The~~ module as claimed in claim 1, wherein said compound having at least one aromatic, non-fused, residue is an organosilicon oxide polymer having structural units of formula  $(-R_1R_2Si-O-)_n$ , wherein n is an integer from 1 to 10, ~~preferably 1 to 5~~, R1 is an aryl group, being substituted or not with one or more C1-C10, ~~preferably C1-C5~~ alkyl groups, R2 is a lower C1-C10 alkyl group, ~~preferably C1-C5 alkyl group~~, or an aryl group, being substituted or not with one or more C1-C10, ~~preferably C1-C5~~, alkyl groups, provided that ~~when if~~ n=1, and R1 is a phenyl group, R2 is not a methyl group.

6. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 5, wherein said organosilicon oxide polymer is selected from the group consisting of

1,3,3,5-tetraphenyldimethyldisiloxane,

1,1,5,5-tetraphenyl-1,3,3,5-tetramethyltrisiloxane;

1,1,3,5,5-pentaphenyl-1,3,5-trimethyltrisiloxane;

triphenyltrimethylcyclotrisiloxane;

3,5,7-triphenylnonamethylpentasiloxane.

7. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein one of the fluid bodies comprises phenyl methyl siloxane to increase the difference between the refractive indices of the two fluids.

8. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 1, configured as an optical component, the first and said second fluid body having different refractive indices, wherein the compound added to one of the fluids has an refractive index difference increasing effect.

9. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 8, wherein the first fluid body is electrically conducting and/or polar, and the second fluid body is electrically non-conducting, the module being provided with means for exerting an electric force to change the position and/or shape of the meniscus-shaped interface.

10. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 8, wherein the difference in refractive index is ~~from 0,1 to 0,3,~~ preferably from 0,1 to 0,2; the refractive index of said second, non-conducting body being ~~larger than 1.4,~~ preferably greater than 1.5.

11. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 8, wherein said first and said second fluid bodies show a substantially similar density such that the module is substantially insensitive to an orientation of the module.

12. (Currently amended) A—The module as claimed in claim 8, provided with means for exerting a pressure to change the position of the interface.

13. (New) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein an optical path of the module is not substantially interfered with by the means for exerting the force.

14. (New) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for exerting the force comprises first and second electrodes, wherein the first electrode is deposited substantially perpendicular to the second electrode.

15. (New) The module as claimed in claim 1, wherein the means for exerting the force comprises a plurality of alternating first and second electrodes deposited along a circumference of a circle.

16. (New) The module as claimed in claim 15, wherein one of the fluids is encapsulated in a plurality of separate volumes.

17. (New) The module as claimed in claim 16, wherein the plurality of separate volumes are joined by a conduit.

18. (New) The module as claimed in claim 16, wherein a radial

dimension of the first and second electrodes is equal or less than  
a radial dimension of the plurality of separate volumes.